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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF

HILLSBOROUGH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1871.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The receipts into the Treasury for the year ending February 28th, 1871, are as follows:

The amount on hand as per last report,	\$4,074 13
do received of N. Kendal, collector,	9,362 81

And the amount of money borrowed and received from other sources, the particulars of which will be given in the Auditors' Report,	7,500 55
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Making a total of	\$20,937 49
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Total amount of orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

Miscellaneous town orders,	\$13,584 68
Breaking Road Orders,	1,248 82
Poor Orders,	845 83
School Orders,	1,930 62

Total amount,	\$17,609 95
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Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, Feb. 28th, 1871,	\$3,827 54
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Miscellaneous Town Orders.

To C. Cookidge, for services of Town Auditors,	\$24 00
C. D. Robbins, damage to Sheep by Dogs,	5 00
George G. Richardson, do	7 00
" " "	21 00
Samuel S. Howard, damage to calf by Dogs,	10 00
Alvah Merrill, work on Merrill Bridge,	9 00
Luke Merrill, boarding Selectmen and horse-keeping,	5 25
" " services as Selectman after counting day,	14 00
" " expenses, " " " "	2 35
Wm. M. Sargent, printing town and school reports,	35 00
J. H. Locke, boarding Selectmen, Auditors & horse-keeping,	54 75
N. P. Greene, Books and Stationery,	17 23
Joe H. Potter, services as Liquor Agent,	90 00
Silas N. Sawyer, repairing Sawyer bridge and highway,	120 00
Daniel F. Murdough, repairing highway,	15 00
George Jones, repairing highway and bridges,	62 50
Judson A. Senter, repairing highway,	9 00
George Hazen, repairing highway,	6 14
Hiram Monroe, " " and bridges,	84 70
Harvey L. White, " " " "	12 00
Daniel F. Murdough, " " " "	42 92
Edward Kimball, " " " "	57 00
S. M. Dinsmoor, recording births and deaths,	1 00
Hiram Brockway, repairing bridge,	55 00
J. Scott Moore, repairing highway,	11 75
John Harriman, " "	12 92
Charles A. Harnden, cash paid in Nichols case,	35 33
John Allen, repairing highway and bridges,	10 55
Wm. M. Sargent, printing bills,	75
Parker Kimball, refreshments,	1 50
Enoch Sawyer, repairing highway,	28 88
John Muzzey, damage to team on highway,	200 00
A. C. Gould, building Merrill bridge,	125 00
George Hazen, repairing bridge,	14 85
Gordon B. Wilson, repairing highway,	10 50
Barnard Whitcomb, do	4 97
George A. Robbins, over tax,	5 50
A. C. Gould, building Sawyer bridge,	475 00
Hiram McColley, damage on Plow,	4 50
Erastus Wilson, lumber for Sawyer bridge,	15 80
John H. Clement, gravel for highway,	10 00
Elijah Blanchard, care of Town house,	2 00
Langdon F. Gay, repairing highway and bridges,	3 75

A. C. Gould, building bank wall and repairing highway near Sawyer bridge,	205 30
E. O. Farrar, lumber for bridge,	10 49
Wm. Merrill, labor on Merrill bridge,	13 00
George F. Sleeper, over tax,	3 18
George Jones, repairing highway,	40 10
Charles O. Murdough, over tax,	17 84
John Buswell, services as Police,	4 00
David Davis, repairing highway,	1 00
Benjamin Kemp, services as Police,	4 00
Francis B. Scribner, services as Police,	4 00
Amos Colby, repairing highway and bridge,	12 00
Jubal H. Eaton, services as Police,	4 00
John H. Clement, railing Sawyer bridge,	18 00
Walter P. Straw, services as Police,	6 00
Warren T. Hackett, do	4 00
George G. Richardson, work and lumber for Symonds bridge,	48 65
Reuben E. Loveren, bridge plank, stringers and railing,	55 82
Alonzo Robbins, repairing highway,	11 96
Isaac N. Currier, repairing highway and bridges,	44 50
Stephen Farrar, do	5 55
Samuel W. Chase, repairing bridge,	4 50
Morrill & Silsby, Stationery,	3 32
Nathaniel Wood, repairing bridge near Gleason Mill,	78 05
Judson W. Gould, repairing highway,	5 00
Wm. E. Farley, do	2 89
David Mel en, over tax,	2 42
Luke McClintock, repairing highway,	6 00
Wm. B. Prichard, repairing town house,	21 00
Carlos Nelson, repairing highway,	33 00
James S. Butler, glass and putty for town house,	21 24
Abram Francis, repairing highway,	75
Mrs. Simon Hartwell, abatement of dog tax,	2 00
S. N. Sawyer, damage by travel across field while building bridge,	10 00
J. F. Briggs, cash paid into court in Danforth case, and to summons witnesses,	57 00
Charles O. Murdough, repairing highway,	2 00
Charles Gillis, bridge plank,	12 00
Samuel K. Martin, abatement of taxes assessed in 1869,	7 98
Ezra Clement, abatement of tax,	1 80
Stephen A. Brown, repairing highway,	7 50
George A. Robbins, do	7 50
John H. Clement, abatement of Poll tax,	2 78
James S. Butler, abatement of tax on horse,	1 78

Abel C. Burnham, recording births and deaths,	5 50
Charles H. Grinnell, support of watering trough,	2 00
Erastus Wilson, do	2 00
Charles Bumford, do	2 00
C. D. Robbins, do	2 00
George H. Clark, do	2 00
S. Dow Wyman, do	2 00
Joseph Gerry, do	2 00
Silas N. Sawyer, do	2 00
E. T. Danforth, do	2 00
Ephraim C. Hoit, damage on highway,	11 00
Benjamin Colby, plank for bridge,	1 39
George Brockway, journey and expense to Concord to settle with State Treasurer,	6 00
George Brockway, services & expense at Manchester on N. Jackson case,	20 80
do cash paid witnesses in Jackson case,	86 44
do expenses as Selectman,	27 50
do services as Selectman,	125 50
do express and postage,	1 78
do services and expenses at Manchester with witnesses against Lovering and Gillis,	9 80
Erastus Wilson, services as Selectman,	116 00
do expenses as "	16 50
Wm. B. Whittemore, postage, express and stationery,	2 87
do services as Town Clerk,	35 00
do recording births, deaths and marriages,	6 66
do notifying jury meetings & jurors,	11 00
Webber & Harnden, services & expenses in Nichols case,	69 34
George E. Hoit, services as Selectman,	106 00
do expenses as Selectman,	19 52
John G. Dickey, damage to wagon on highway,	2 50
Nathan Kendall, abatement of non-resident highway tax,	55 00
do repairing highway,	2 70
do abatement of sundry taxes,	96 91
J. C. Campbell, services as town treasurer,	75 00
George Brockway, boarding Selectmen and horse-keeping,	35 75
George H. Clark, abatement of over tax,	6 84
John H. Locke, boarding Selectmen and horse-keeping,	22 50
Nathan Kendall, collecting taxes,	75 00
John Q. A. French, services as S. S. Committee,	97 50
Briggs & Harnden, services as attorneys and counsellors,	27 62
J. C. Campbell, endorsement and interest paid on outstanding Notes,	2,111 55

J. C. Campbell, notes and interest paid,	6,760 97
do cash paid on coupons,	981 00
Total amount of miscellaneous town orders,	<u>\$13,584 68</u>

POOR ORDERS.

J. P. Bancroft, support of Ruth H. Nichols at the Asylum,	\$51 30
do do	61 00
do do	54 70
do do	56 40
David B. Gould, in full for services as agent on poor farm,	30 00
James H. Ray, labor on poor farm,	36 25
George Brockway, do	4 00
A. J. Putney, do	38 75
Levi M. Powers, Shingles for poor house,	33 00
George W. Carr, digging grave for Mrs. Reed,	6 50
Jonathan Ordway, for support of Betsey Gay,	3 43
Abel C. Burnham, visit and medicine to Richard Chase,	2 00
George Brockway, services and expenses as overseer of the poor,	16 50
Erastus Wilson, do	4 00
George E. Hoit, do	6 00
David B. Gould, cash over paid the town,	72 00
Daniel Smith, cash to pay for work on poor farm,	50 00
M. H. Carr, pasturing cattle for the town,	20 00
Daniel Smith, in part for services on poor farm,	300 00
Total amount of poor orders,	<u>\$845 83</u>

BREAKING ROAD ORDERS.

To Albert Richardson,	Mark McClintock,	9,	24 83
District No. 1, \$15 19	J. Scott Moore,	10,	14 70
Nathan Kendall, 3, 20 05	Wm. F. Jones,	11,	46 23
Harvey L. White, 4, 13 50	Mark W. Fuller,	12,	63 04
Luke McClintock, 5, 38 71	J. A. Senter,	13,	40 27
Stephen Tuttle, 6, 14 70	Geo. A. Merrill,	"	1 27
Robt. Robertson, 7, 2 10	Geo. Hazen,	14,	51 28
Enoch Sawyer, " 16 44	Edgar Hazen,	"	7 50
G. W. Burnham, 8, 23 70	Fred J. Smith,	15	18 43

F. B. Lincoln,	16,	73 76	John Gerry,	26,	15 46
Wm. B. Shaw,	"	5 50	Wm. B. Gould,	27,	18 36
E. Barker,	17,	4 50	Wm. Merrill,	28,	7 28
Geo. Brockway,	"	9 82	Carlos Nelson,	29,	24 29
S. W. Chase,	"	15 53	Nahum B. Swett,	29,	7 80
Rob., G. Carr,	"	11 09	J. W. Gould,	30,	17 45
Hiram Brockway,	"	3 70	Jonathan Ray,	31,	28 69
I. N. Currier,	18,	7 50	Cyrus Colby,	31,	11 25
David Davis,	19,,	55 06	Edward Kimball,	32,	32 85
John Allen, Dist. No. 20,	29	42	D. F. Murdough,	33,	52 81
Geo. G. Richardson,	21,	1 95	J. E. Rannells,	33,	16 47
Geo. Jones,	21,	43 27	E. O. Farrar,	34,	7 08
L. F. Gay,	22,	34 01	Stephen Farrar,	35,	30 08
S. G. Barnes,	23,	34 56	Barnard Whitcomb,	36,	42 14
Henry N. Gay,	24,	23 02	Charles Kempfield,	37,	18 60
O. Crosby,	24,	43 05	Elmira W. Mann,	37,	7 20
H. J. Clark,	25,	39 37	Asa K. Spaulding,	38,	50 15
S. M. Baker,	25,	3 60	Wm. E. Farley,	39,	9 67

Total amount of breaking road orders,

\$1,248 82

SCHOOL ORDERS.

To Charles Wyman,			James H. Preston,	10,	\$109 66
District No. 1,	\$368	58	C. W. Perry,	11,	107 96
Frank B. Abbott,	2,	83 72	Hiram Wilkins,	12,	86 57
Alonzo Codman,	3,	90 71	Luther Flint,	13,	86 66
Wm. N. Clapp,	4,	98 68	J. W. Gould,	14,	74 89
George Jones,	5,	90 85	Edward Kimball,	15,	94 07
Norman Robbins,	6,	78 00	C. H. Grinnell,	16,	75 10
John Cooledge,	6,	63 16	J. Harriman,	17,	121 48
Nathaniel Smith,	8,	88 34	Abram Kimball,	18,	86 61
C. W. Conn.	9,	90 19	S. C. Dowling,	19,	35 39

Total amount of school orders,

\$1,930 62

AMOUNT OF STOCK ON HAND AT POOR FARM Feb. 22, 1871.

10 oxen,	\$590 00	100 lbs. dried apple,	10 00
6 cows,	360 00	Sage,	1 50
8 three-years-old,	180 00	5 gal'ns boiled cider,	5 00
4 two-years-o d,	85 00	25 lbs. candles,	3 00
5 yearlings,	50 00	3 doz. eggs,	75

19 sheep,	55 00	4 bushels salt,	3 00
1 shoat,	10 00	1-2 bbl. flour,	4 50
15 tons of English hay,	350 00	2 lbs. tea,	2 00
5 " meadow hay,	50 00	5 " sugar,	60
14 hens,	10 20	2 gallons molasses,	1 30
300 lbs. pork,	54 00	Spice,	1 50
160 " ham,	28 80	Matches,	30
200 " beef,	24 00	Hops	1 00
50 bushels potatoes,	50 00	13 lbs. yarn,	16 25
Lot vegetables,	2 50	17 prs. socks,	10 20
3 bbls. cider,	12 00	7 " mittens,	4 34
3 " apples,	9 60	2 " ladies' hose,	1 50
1 1-2 bbls. soap,	9 00	1 1-2 bushels meal,	1 50
25 lbs. butter,	7 50	3 butter tubs,	1 80
5 yds. cloth,	5 00	20 yds. sheeting,	2 80
2 lbs. tobacco,	1 60	10 lbs. rags,	50
7 M. shingles,	36 00	Lot soap grease,	5 00
Lot lumber,	15 00	5 bushels, beans,	17 50
10 bushels oats,	6 00	1 pelt	75
30 " corn,	30 00	20 bushels ashes,	5 00
1 bbl. vinegar,	10 00	10 gallons apple sauce,	2 50
60 lbs. fresh meat,	6 00	2 lbs rice,	25
60 " sausages,	12 00		
60 " lard,	12 00	Total,	\$2,180 74
55 " tallow,	5 50		

DANIEL SMITH'S CASH ACCOUNT AT POOR FARM, [FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1871.
AMOUNT RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF THE FARM

1 Red,	\$4 00	1 Cow Wilson,	45 00
16 pr. Socks,	8 68	1 Chest,	1 00
Socks Mittens and yarn,	37 94	Mittens and hose, "	4 86
Pelts and eggs,	1 64	Wool tags,	67
15 doz. eggs,	3 25	Old iron,	5 24
616 lbs. beef,	54 79	1 gallon soap,	20
285 " butter,	123 45	1 Shoat,	18 00
32 " veal,	3 20	1 Cow,	45 00
2 1-2 bushels oats,	2 00	12 lambs,	24 00
Hides,	15 34	Boot between Cattle	15 00
37 gallons cider,	1 75	1 Cart,	3 00
1 pr. steers I. N. Currier,	95 00	Mrs Myers for support of	
Keeping sheep	4 50	Mrs. Reed,	9 30
Work for C Cooledge	3 00	Boarding county paupers,	104 00
Cash drawn from Treasury		Maple timber G. Brockway	40 00
by order,	50 00		
1 pr. Oxen	100 00	Total amount received,	\$823 81

AMOUNT PAID ON ACCOUNT OF FARM.

Dutton & Marse, Store bill, \$37	33	Daniel Templeton, shoes,	2	33	
Squires L. Forsaith, 1 Stove,	22	00	S. A. Brown, oil	25	
“ “ tin ware,	2	26	G. F. Crowell, medicine	75	
C. A. Whittemore, bill,	11	55	E. G. Benton, making cider	3	75
J. H. Preston, filing saw,	30		N. Robbins, 1 1-2 bush rye	2	25
Wm. Gardner, Seed corn,	1	65	H. J. Burnham, Tub	25	
J. S. Butler, bill,	66	02	M. H. Carr, sawing lumber	3	00
Abel Davis, butter tray,	2	00	W. E. Farley, coopering	2	15
“ Rye Meal,	40		D. S. Roach, bbl. flour	8	50
E. T. Danforth, Blacksmith's			Dr. Dinsmoor's, bill	2	50
“ bill,	13	10	Dr. French's bill,	10	25
Daniel Smith, for cart,	35	00	B. Dutton store bill,	25	
Benj. Colby farrier,	2	00	Frank Brookway work,	4	50
D. W. C. Newman, bill,	5	60	L. Harthorn, carding wool	6	50
C. A. Whittemore bbl. Flour,	8	00	Daniel G. Barker, work	19	50
Burnham & Moore, Plow			H. Marcy, store bill	3	09
“ iron,	3	85	G. E. Small coffin,	9	00
David Green, fixing chairs,	90		G. H. Clark, making cider	65	
Garden seeds,	25		Geo. Brockway, 2 pigs,	4	00
George O. Kellom, beans			A. J. Putney, work	7	27
“ and veal,	2	07	L. O. Carpenter, work	4	00
Mason H. Cooledge 2 bush-			N. G. Jones, threshing grain	1	17
“ els rye,	3	00	J. Fletcher Blacksmithing,	1	40
M. Smith for labor,	2	00	J. Severance, keeping sheep	19	00
Tin ware and thread,	1	86	Freight on butter,	2	00
G. F. Crowell, Whiskey and			David Davis butchering	75	
“ Medicine,	2	30	Norman Robbins, shorts	2	50
John Smith fixing pipe,	2	00	Onslow Gilmore, coffin	8	62
G. F. Sleeper setting boiler,	2	25	Abram Francis digging		
H. Bixby Express,	25		“ grave,	3	00
C. W. Sturtevant work,	8	00	Levi Davis, work,	8	00
Theron McClintock, butter					
“ tubs,	4	80	Total,	382	12
Cash paid Town Treasurer,				441	69

\$823 81

POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

THE FARM DR.

To Amount of stock on hand last year,	\$2,801	32
Services of Agent to March 27th, 1871,	350	00

To Amount paid out by agent,	\$382 12
Order paid A. J. Putney for work,	38 75
" " James H. Ray "	36 25
" " Geo. Brockway "	4 00

\$3,612 44

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By Amount of Stock on hand,	\$2,180 74
" received by Agent,	853 81
" labor done on the farm by Agent,	3 00

\$3,007 55

Leaving a balance against the farm of, \$604 89

LIST OF NOTES OUTSTANDING FEB. 23, 1871.

Tamma Smith,	\$100 00	Parker Kimball,	\$150 00
Mary A. Forsaith,	250 00	Mercy A. Currier,	370 00
Tamma Smith,	877 84	Tamma Smith,	375 00
Rodney Smith,	212 83	Sarah W. Robbins,	50 00
Samuel Smith,	50 00	Elizabeth Crane,	52 00
Roxanna Blanchard,	100 00	John M. Curtis,	350 00
Dolly T. Wilkins,	1,200 00	Tamma Smith,	410 00
Hannah Bachelder,	50 00	M. V. B. Wyman,	400 00
Wm. Booth,	1,700 00	Silas Blanchard,	300 00
Pamelia M. Lovejoy,	360 50	Eben T. Ordway,	50 00
Daniel Holt,	110 00	Franklin Gray,	210 00
Franklin Gray,	200 00	Levi Shedd,	500 00
Daniel Holt,	100 00	Clarinda Upton,	700 00
Milton McCoy,	250 00	Aaron Barnes,	550 00
Parker Kimball,	175 00	Hannah S. Tuttle,	500 00
John L. Otis,	100 00	Mary E. Tuttle,	200 00
Eben Towne,	50 00	Mary A. Sawyer,	100 00
Mary E. Gould,	80 00	Betsey Appleton,	100 00
Levi Goodale,	1,051 67	Eliza Severance,	100 00
Thomas N. Goodale,	206 47	Dorcus Wilkins,	104 37
" " "	880 80	Jonathan Danforth,	250 00
G. H. & H. J. Clark,	700 00	Mary E. Morse,	135 00
Mrs. Sarah Colburn,	400 00	David Davis,	100 00
Truman M. Straw,	200 00	Mary E. Gould,	121 27
James Wood,	150 00	Sarah C. Fuller,	206 93
Reuben Lewis,	2,000 00	Mary Goodale,	440 67
Louisa Smith,	370 00	James A. Crane,	700 00
Wm. O. Heath,	300 00	Joel Severance, 2d	125 00
John S. Shedd,	400 00	Giles E. Brown,	100 00
Alexander Caldwell,	250 00	David Kimball,	800 00

Elizabeth A. Bickford,	500 00	Charles Smith,	100 00
Sarah Rumrill,	128 13	Rodney Smith,	100 00
James Baldwin,	500 00	James D. Cutter,	45 00
James Wood,	150 00	Parker Kimball,	265 00
Abigail Colby,	350 00	Gardner Atwood,	300 00
Calvin Vickery,	100 00	Truman M. Straw,	300 00
Eliza J. Severance,	100 00	Jane W. Sargent,	125 00
Ellen S. Smith,	140 00	Wm. A. Colby,	200 00
Wm. Ayers,	150 00	Mary A. Nichols	50 00
Jennie N. Jones,	200 00		

Amount of Notes outstanding, \$25,228 48

Amount of Bonds sold, 18,900 00

44,128 48

Cash in Treasury, 3,327 54

Leaving the townin debt, \$40,800 94

Amount of debt as reported last year, \$42,340 09

do Notes not reported, last year, 1,250 00

Mistake balancing accounts, last year, 271 35

Amount of debt last year, \$43,861 44

Decrease of debt since last year, \$3,060 50

Respectfully submitted, by

GEORGE BROCKWAY,	} Selectmen of Hillsborough.
ERASTUS WILSON,	
GEORGE E. HOIT,	

Hillsborough, Feb. 28th, 1871.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, having been duly chosen Auditors of Town Accounts, for the Town of Hillsborough, have attended to that duty and hereby report that there has been received into the Town Treasury as follows :

Remaining in the hands of Treasurer last Auditing day,	\$4,074 13
Cash Borrowed of Milton McCoy,	150 00
of Ira S. Appleton,	200 00
of C. Cooleedge,	100 00
of R. T. Noyes,	800 00
of Sarah Taggard,	270 00
of Jane W. Hoyt,	100 00
of Elijah Blanchard,	300 00
of Rebecca Gregg,	300 00
Received of S. K. Martin, Taxes of 1869	56 76
of S. K. Martin, interest on Taxes,	16 30
of Selectmen from Liquor Agency,	155 83
do Literary fund,	121 80
do Saving Bank Tax,	733 01
do Rail Road Tax,	105 88
do U. S. Bounty,	30 40
do Circuses, licenses,	70 00
for Town Bonds Sold,	3,400 00
Interest on the same,	27 01
of Daniel Smith, agent on Poor Farm,	441 69
of George Brockway, money for school district No.7	28 88
of George Brockway, Liquor fines & Cost,	35 10
of " " Taxes,	28 64
of " " damage to the Town House,	29 25
of Nathan Kendall, Collector,	9,362 81
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	\$20,937 49

Which has been accounted for by orders from the Selectmen as follows :

Amount of miscellaneous Town orders,	\$13,584 68
Breaking Road Orders,	1,248 82
Poor Orders,	845 83
School Orders,	1,930 62

Total amount of Orders,	\$17,609 95
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer March 1st, 1871	\$3,327 54
THOMAS N. GOODALE,	} Town
CORNELIUS COOLEEDGE,	
EDGAR HAZEN.	
	} Auditors

SCHOOL REPORT.

We herewith present the following report of our public schools for 1870—71, with such suggestions and criticisms, as it is hoped, may result in good to us and our children. And first, we would again call your attention to our

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The buildings in Nos. 1, 13 and 15, are in good condition; likewise in No. 16. Those in No. 2, 8, 9 and 10 are passable though possessing no merit worth exhibiting. No. 17 would do, by remodeling the inside, with an eye to the comfort and welfare of the scholar. The remainder of our *school edifices* presents the most vivid illustrations of *poor* houses the mind can conceive; aside from being cold, uncomfortable and unattractive, the walls are disfigured with obscure sketches and engravings, done with knife and charcoal, which outrages the finer feelings of every modest person, whether adult or child. How many parents would take their wives and grown up daughters to such a place and not hang their heads in shame? and yet it is here our children are taught those qualities, which elevate and refine; it is here our little ones receive some of their first lessons in virtue and morality; it is here the germ is nurtured that is to yield an abundant harvest of good or evil. In charity, destroy these hovels, and erect in their stead, structures which will be more in accordance with modern taste and civilization.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

There are too many school districts in town, for a just distribution and a proper expenditure of our school money, and an article has been inserted in the Warrant for your consideration, upon which it is wished you may act both wisely and well.

TEXT BOOKS.

Many of our text books have out-lived their usefulness, and should give place to better ones. No books should be recommended or used, only such as have real merit. That series of readers is best, which gives the clearest idea of correct articulation and enunciation; of pitch, quality, inflection, accent and emphasis, with a judicious selection of reading matter for their practical application. That speller is the most adapted to our wants that gives us the least number of words from foreign tongues, and the greatest number of those of every day use, in house, office, farm or work-shop. That grammar is best, which treats of the construction and arrangement of the English Language in the most logical manner; and that arithmetic is best, whose system introduces our children to those principles and facts, which will the soonest fit them for practical duties of life.

TEACHERS.

We have had an average number of good teachers; none very *poor*, but too many second rate. No person is eligible to the office of teacher who does not possess a *thorough* knowledge of Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Geography, and Arithmetic, and every candidate should be prepared to pass a rigid examination in them. We would have our teachers so well informed in these sciences, that they would be able to give a thorough instruction in them if every text book of the kind were struck out of existence. This asking the questions in the order in which they are written with the eye on the text, to see if the proper answers are given, is the poorest kind of instruction—no better than many of the pupils themselves might give. Teachers who have practiced this system of instruction, (if it can be called such) have subjected themselves to a just criticism by many of their pupils, which we have heard in more instances than one, and could not rebuke because it was too true. A portion of our teachers, it is a pleasure to add, are not only good scholars in the common English branches, but they have made respectable attainments in philosophy, algebra and book keeping. These branches have been successfully taught in some of our schools.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

We would suggest to these that they should endeavor to secure for teachers, those possessing the highest order of attainments without regard to price. Being impressed with the truth of the maxim. "As

is the teacher, so will be the school," we desire for our children, and for all others, teachers whose moral, intellectual and social habits are in respects, what we are willing our children should form; for rest assured, if our teachers are not what we would have our children be, our children will very likely become what our teachers are. Select the best men for Prudential Committee; and if heretofore "rotation" has been the practice, see to it that the office *rotates* towards the best man—one that knows what his duties are, and knowing, does them.

PARENTS.

To the parents we would again appear for their cooperation, in the work of eradicating those bad practices that have crept into our common schools. *Tardiness* and *irregular attendance* are two monstrous evils, which not only annoy, but tend to thwart the best rendered efforts for the advancement of the scholars. These evils can be effectually removed, by teaching our children, habits of *punctuality* and *promptness*—traits that are honored, whether seen in child or man—and seen that they practise them. Abate these pests, and the order, deportment and progress of your children will improve to such a manner, as shall merit your most cordial approbation. Parents should make more frequent visits to the school-room; teachers hold such visits in grateful remembrance, and with new life and energy, redouble their labor, for our and our children's benefit—pupils accept these visits, as tokens of love and parental solicitude, which stimulate them to cultivate more studious habits and to conform to all those requirements, which govern every well regulated. Parents can do much towards making the school-room more attractive—if you do not feel able to contribute of your means, to furnish such outline maps and charts as ought to be found in every school-room, you can with sums varying from five to twenty-five cents, furnish pictured cards with beautiful mottoes, which contribute much towards relieving the nakedness of the wall.—Pictures of buildings, animals, trees, would be very appropriate and the smaller pupils would extract a good deal of enjoyment in transferring them to their slates, thereby whiling away at many times, moments that might otherwise have been spent in mischief and saving themselves and others, many "*shocking rebukes*."

DISTRICT NO. 1,

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Summer Term. Miss A. L. Cheney teacher;

not being notified of the close of this term, we were not present at the examination and therefore are unable to report from personal knowledge, what progress was made. The school appeared well at the commencement, and if the energy and interest then exhibited was continued throughout the term, it must have been all its patrons could desire. *Irregular attendance* is its worst feature.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Mr. John D. Holt. Here the method of instruction was analytical, with an earnest zeal for thoroughness, that seemed to be fully reciprocated by the scholars. They were taught *principles*, and understood, and were able to explain or apply them with such a thorough, practical system of instruction, with order and discipline, creditable, and with pupils ambitious in their efforts to exceed the improvement must be, and was correspondingly good, and is deserving of honorable mention. "The scholars are such as want to do their part, and only need, what every school should have,—good teachers and a better series of text books throughout in order to become one of the best schools in Hillsborough County."

PRIMARY SCHOOL. Summer Term. Taught by Miss Helen D. Grimes. This school numbers the most pupils of any in town and shows the cleanest record of attendance. There were fifty different scholars and average of forty-five throughout the term. We hope other schools will notice this and profit by it. The teacher maintained good parental discipline, and gave thorough instruction in all the elementary branches. The order, deportment and progress of the school was of a high order and received the merited approval of its patrons.

WINTER TERM. Miss Lizzie S. Pike, teacher. Here again we found a quiet, orderly well governed school. The pupils gave a good account of their winter's work, and there was sure, little to criticize, but much to approve. If the pupils in this room, continue to do as well in the future, as they have the past two terms, those in the Grammar School must look well to their laurels, for they will soon have competitors worthy of their notice. According to my promise to this school, I herewith append the names of those pupils who have not whispered during the term.

Clara Hackett, Cora Kimball, Lillie Kimball, George Grace, Lucy Grace, Minnie Forsyth, Lillie Murdo, Willie Kimball, Hattie Howe,

Nellie Prichard, Mabel Wyman, Herbert McAdams, Bell Abbott, Annie McAdams, Julia Campbell, Willie Clark, Ella Ripley, Mary Scribner, Frank Muzzey, Frank Smith, Hattie Gould, Ida Scribner, Frank Hosley.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Frances Butler. The appearance of the scholars here was creditable. I think the teacher tried to do well and succeeded in imparting a fair amount of ideas and facts to the pupils. With a little more patience and tact, the teacher would have won a greater degree of confidence and esteem. Love and Kindness begotten like virtues; and these qualities are, no where more needed than in the school-room.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss Laura F. Gerry. This was a profitable term. Miss Gerry endeavored to impress on the minds of the children the importance of cultivating studious habits, and succeeded in doing much good in that direction. She reports them as being diligent and obedient and honored themselves by trying to do right. Miss Gerry says in her report "If the people in this district could be more united it would be better for the school;" a suggestion worthy of notice.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Edna A. Burt. This was Miss B's first school, by observation and experience she will do better. The classes in Arithmetic did very well—in geography and grammar fairly—while reading and spelling were somewhat neglected. It is hoped she will try and improve upon this in future.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss Fannie M. Henshaw. This was Miss H's second term in this district. She reports this "as a very pleasant school to teach, the pupils as a general thing are apt and studious, and the parents kind. Altogether the term has been a very pleasant one to me, and, I hope a profitable one to the scholars."

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Abbie Burnham. This was a good school—one of the best. Thorough instruction was given in all the branches taught, and good improvement made in them. Teacher and scholar *tried* to do well and succeeded.

WINTER TERM. Miss Edith L. Jackson, teacher. This like the

summer school was a superior one. The instruction methodical, order good and deportment of scholars praiseworthy. There was much practical knowledge acquired. May this school always be as fortunate in the possession of so faithful teachers and studious scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Frankie Chase. The register shows a clean record—not one tardy mark through the term. With scholars so punctual in their habits, and a teacher, faithful to the trust reposed in her, good advancement was expected and realized. We trust the district fully appreciates the amount of good work done this term.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Mr. George N. Gage. Owing to circumstances over which we had no control, his school was not visited at the close of the term. From the knowledge we have of his literary attainments, the good practical system of instruction he exhibited the first of the term, we have full assurance Mr. Gage taught an excellent school, and so far as I can learn gave universal satisfaction. This was his first school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Mary E. Andrews, who was zealous for the advancement of scholars, and succeeded in arousing in them a commendable ambition, which resulted in good. The examination was satisfactory to your committee, as also to a large number of visitors—patrons of the school whom we, for the first time met in the school-room. *Irregular attendance* is an evil here, which all lovers of good order and progress, hope may be "wiped out."

WINTER TERM. Miss Eliza A. Gillis, teacher. This was a superior school—one of the best. The short term was its only defect, and the citizens of the district generously remedied that, by adding five weeks to it. Miss G. reports, "that during the term, not one pupil was absent, except in cases of sickness—very few instances of tardiness and dismissal. Many of the pupils did not whisper, and not one ever refused to obey the rules of school."

With a little good training and a comfortable house, this would be one of the best schools in town." A statement we can cordially endorse, and for its fulfilment shall ever pray.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss Nettie Hazen. For a few terms past, this school has been unfortunate in having lax disciplinarians, and for this reason, it was feared that some of the habits of former terms, might be indulged in this. To the credit of teacher and pupils nothing of the kind was observed. The order and demeanor of the school was excellent and a marked improvement was made in the studies—among which, reading and spelling should be particularly mentioned. The writing books gave evidence also of much pains, and in our opinion, showed the most improvement of any in town.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Katie J. Senter. This was the teacher's second term in this district and proved that she merited the good report she received in the first. The scholars were industrious, and considering the short term did admirably.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Mr. George A. Colby. This was Mr. Colby's first school. With experience, a better knowledge of human nature and little more *tact* he will do better in the future. Those pupils who attended through the term made an average advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Margie D. Forsaith. This school is an easy one to govern—the scholars, for the most part, are orderly kind and obedient. They manifested a laudable desire for improvement and by close application and patient industry, show they are deserving it. The teacher says, "Our motto was not *how far* we could advance in our studies, but how *thorough* wishing to understand all we passed over."

WINTER TERM. Miss Eva A. Gilman teacher. Miss Gilman is a fine scholar and has had large experience in teaching, but failed to give so general satisfaction as was desired. This was owing in part to a lack of confidence, on the part of the scholars, which she failed to win, and to certain prejudices, which she did not try to overcome. No teacher can succeed in any school, unless there is a unity of purpose and feeling between them. All may appear well upon the surface, but there is an under current that is ever drifting obstacles in the way of their success.

DISTRICT NO. 11

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Hattie M. Hazen, who gained the good will of the children, and created among them a worthy spirit of

emulation, that was pleasing in appearance and successful in effect. The classes in reading, spelling and geography excelled. It is hoped for the honor and credit of the district that before another year a better room will be provided, more comfortable, convenient and attractive.

WINTER TERM. Teacher. Miss Hattie L. Nelson. Good order, parental discipline and a judicious method of imparting instruction, were the characteristic features of this school. The scholars made a good exhibit at the examination and the improvement was of the highest order.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

SUMMER TERM. Teacher. Miss Jennie E. Gray. This term was too short for profit; considering the length of the school the advance made in the branches taught, reflected much credit to all. No tardiness reported, and nine scholars not absent during the term.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss Mary E. Andrews. Here as in No 6, the teacher was untiring in her efforts to advance her pupils, the majority of whom made good advancement. The school was somewhat broken on account of sickness, which effected the standing and grade of some of the classes; aside from this, there was nothing to disturb the prosperity of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Sarah F. Flint. This was Miss Flint's first school. We would suggest to her if she desires to become an efficient teacher she must "brush up" in grammar, spelling and penmanship, in these branches she is somewhat deficient. In other branches the scholars made a fair improvement.

WINTER TERM. Miss Addie S. Burt teacher. Miss Burt did admirably with an excellent government and an inductive system of instruction, the improvement was necessarily rapid and thorough. It was preminently a model school.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss Edna A. Burt. The teacher "tried to do her best" and was partly successful. The pupils in mental arithmetic did finely in geography very fair. The greatest defect noticed was in reading, in which the scholars made but little improve-

ment. This is the most important study pursued, and the one young teachers most neglect.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss Mary S. Ray. The scholars in this school did well. The teacher seemed anxious for their improvement and accomplished much, in forwarding them in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 16

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Mary S. Ray. This is a small school of small scholars with a short term. This was the teachers first school and all things considered gave general satisfaction.

WINTER TERM. Miss Susie M. Gay teacher. This term was a pleasant one, and the scholars appeared attentive and studious. A little blind girl did admirably in reading by the use of a book with raised letters.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Summer and Winter Term, taught by Miss Abbie S. McClintock. The first term was excellent the scholars were studious—learned well, and made good proficiency. The winter school was not so good. The scholars seemed to lack in energy and ambition and therefore did not make the improvement that was expected or desired,

DISTRICT NO. 18.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss Georgia B. Howard. The scholars here were quiet and orderly and appeared to be deeply interested in their studies. The teacher faithful to her trust, succeeded in giving satisfaction to all—and deservedly merits much praise.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

WINTER TERM. Miss Frankie Chase, teacher. This little school did admirably. The teacher was earnest in her efforts to impart instructions, and the scholars eager to receive it. A rapid advance was made, marked with thoroughness and precision.

J. Q. A. FRENCH, *Supt. of Schools.*

Hillsborough March 1, 1871.



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TABLE.

N. of District.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average attendance of scholars, during the year.	Number of male teachers.	Number of female teachers.	Wages of male teachers a month.	Wages of female teachers a month.	Length of summer school in weeks.	Length of winter school in weeks.	Number of scholars attending to Reading and Spelling.	Number attending to arithmetic.	Number attending to Geography.	Number attending to Grammar.	Number attending to U. S. History.	Number attending to Physiology.	Number attending to Book-keeping.	Number attending to Penmanship.	Number attending to Algebra.	Number attending to Philosophy.	Amount of money appropriated to each district.	Amount contributed by the district in board and fuel to prolong the school.	Average amount appropriated for each scholar.	
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In the column, of wages of female teachers, where more than one was employed, the average wages is given.